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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 1-9-04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The response to the examiner's election requirement mailed 12-2-03 has identified claims that do not appear to be drawn to the elected species. For instance, claim 83 calls for an electrically conductive cover. The elected embodiment (as well as other embodiments) do not seem to disclosed an electrically conductive cover. In addition, the elected species (as well as the other non elected species) do not seem to include a pressure sensor (claim 108) or a resistance measuring and recording unit (claim 109). The hollow needles of claim 105 does not seem to be dedicated to the elected species as well as the absorbent cover. It is unclear where applicant finds support for some of the other claims as well. The examiner requests applicant to review the claims again to see if they are drawn to the elected species and particularly point out how they apply. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark W Bockelman whose telephone number is (703)-308-2112. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 10-8:30.

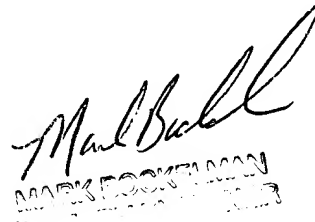
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela Sykes can be reached on (703) 308-5181. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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